

PLAD Hearing **Potential Responses**

Win Today:

“This ruling today means that our efforts to save Mississippi’s Medicaid program can go forward. Those of us who care about Medicaid’s future have fulfilled our promises. We have received our federal waivers; we have given enrollment assistance to every PLAD recipient, and today our plan has been validated in court. Starting today our PLAD recipients have a safety net and our struggling Medicaid program has significant savings.”

Delay Today:

(Version 1)

“I am pleased that Judge Wingate rejected the opposition’s motion to terminate this Medicaid Reform plan today. It is entirely reasonable for the Judge to want to have more time to review this motion. I am confident that after careful examination our plan will not only be vindicated, but

immediately put into place for the benefit of every Mississippian who depends of Medicaid.”_

(Version 2)

“My heart goes out to the Mississippi Medicaid recipients who have been needlessly confused by this delay. We had just finished contacting all 48,000 recipients over the last three months urging them to enroll in alternative coverage before today. Now, these poor recipients don’t know what to do because of a politically-motivated lawsuit that could have been filed and heard long ago. The filers of this lawsuit owe Mississippi Medicaid recipients an apology because in their zeal to block any Medicaid reform they have confused the very recipients they claim to support and put our entire Medicaid program at further risk.”

Lose Today:

“This is a sad day for anyone who cares about the future of Medicaid. A program that is so critical for Mississippi’s neediest citizens has been drowning in

money problems in recent years and instead of giving it a life jacket today's ruling is a lead weight. We will eagerly await to hear what the opponents of Medicaid Reform plan to drastically cut in state government to come up with the millions of dollars necessary to save this vital program."